

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Reference is made to commonly assigned, U. S. patent application Serial No. 10/753,245 (~~Kodak Docket No. 86745~~), entitled "A MEDIA DRYING SYSTEM HAVING A HEATED SURFACE AND A DIRECTED GAS FLOW", in the name of Peter J. Fellingham, et al., filed ~~concurrently herewith~~ January 8, 2004. --